

# Traffic Management Bulletin #21

## Thursday 24 August 2017

Working on behalf of



### Oldbury Viaduct Major Renewal Scheme

This is an update regarding our Phase 3 works and overnight closures.

We will continue to update you on a regular basis of all closures.

#### Phase 3

Traffic Management Phase 3 - two narrow lanes on the northbound carriageway with a 30mph speed limit in place. The following closures are required to; install safety barriers, adjusting lane markings and traffic management equipment.

#### **Tuesday 29 August 2017 – 20:00 – 06:00**

A435 - M42 J2 approaches - Lane 1 closure

A435 – M42 J3 approaches – Lane 1 closure

Southbound M5 J1 – J2 full closure including entry slip road

#### **Wednesday 30 August 2017 – 20:00 – 06:00**

Southbound M5 J1 – J2 full closure including slip roads

#### **Thursday 31 August 2017 – 20:00 – 06:00**

Northbound M5 J5 - J4A full closure including J5 entry slip road

Southbound M5 J1 – J2 full closure including J1 entry slip road

#### **Friday 01 September 2017 – 20:00 – 06:00**

Southbound M5 J1 – J2 full closure including J1 entry slip road

All diversions will be clearly signposted. These closures may be subject to change, further updates will be sent in due course.

The reason for the 30mph restriction during Phase 3 compared to the 50mph on other motorway works is that; the distance between J1 and 2 is only 1.8 miles and for a 50mph restriction the junctions would normally have to be closed. For the junctions to remain open and for the scheme to comply with traffic management regulations on motorway merging traffic safety distances this 30mph restriction is necessary.

#### **Where can I get more information?**

Full information is available on the website: [www.highways.gov.uk/oldburyviaduct](http://www.highways.gov.uk/oldburyviaduct)

In addition:

#### **Full weekend closures of M6 J6 and A38 (M) Aston Expressway from Friday 20:00**

The Expressway and all associated slips will be closed from **20:00 Friday 25 August to 8am Monday 28 August**.

The following restrictions will be in place over the weekend:



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- M6 junction 6 exit slip roads closed to all traffic
- Aston Expressway from Erdington closed southbound
- Park Circus northbound entry slip closed
- Aston Expressway (Dartmouth Circus) closed northbound
- Aston Expressway (from city) closed northbound
- No access to the A38(M) into city carriageway from Gravelly Hill or Tyburn Road from the 13 July (diversions and alternative routes will be signed)

**The M6 entry slips at Salford Circus will be open, with motorists able to access the M6 Northbound and Southbound.**

This essential repair work is vital and will ensure that the structure remains in a safe condition for years to come and drivers can continue to have safe and reliable journeys.

For further information about the scheme, please visit: [www.highways.gov.uk/m6j6](http://www.highways.gov.uk/m6j6)

For information on public transport: [www.networkwestmidlands.com/keepmoving](http://www.networkwestmidlands.com/keepmoving)

For information on work in the Birmingham area: [www.birmingham.gov.uk/connected](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/connected)

We've planned these full closures for weekends during the summer holidays, when the roads have significantly less traffic. Drivers will still be able to get into the city to visit or shop via diversions and alternate routes, and Birmingham remains open for business.

Please feel free to share this information with your customers or through your social media accounts or website.

We will do everything possible to plan and manage our road works to keep traffic moving, however there will be disruption to the M5 and routes leading into or out of these junctions.

We recommend that where possible you:

- Plan ahead
- Consider using alternative routes including the M42
- Use the bus, train and Midland Metro
- Avoid rush hour
- Car share

We must emphasise that these are essential works, and must be carried out now to prevent potentially larger problems and greater disruption in the future.

Drivers can check live traffic information before setting off at [www.trafficengland.com](http://www.trafficengland.com)

The Highways England Information Line (0300 123 5000) is available 24/7. We will respond and investigate when something is not working.